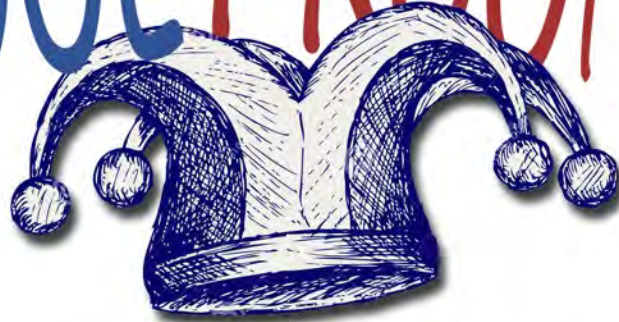


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Part 2

Fool Proofing Your
Sexuality

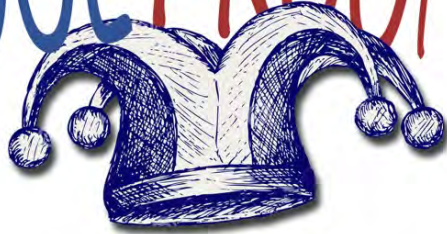
Proverbs 5

Proverbs 5:1 - 6



¹ My son, pay attention to my wisdom, turn your ear to my words of insight, ² that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge.

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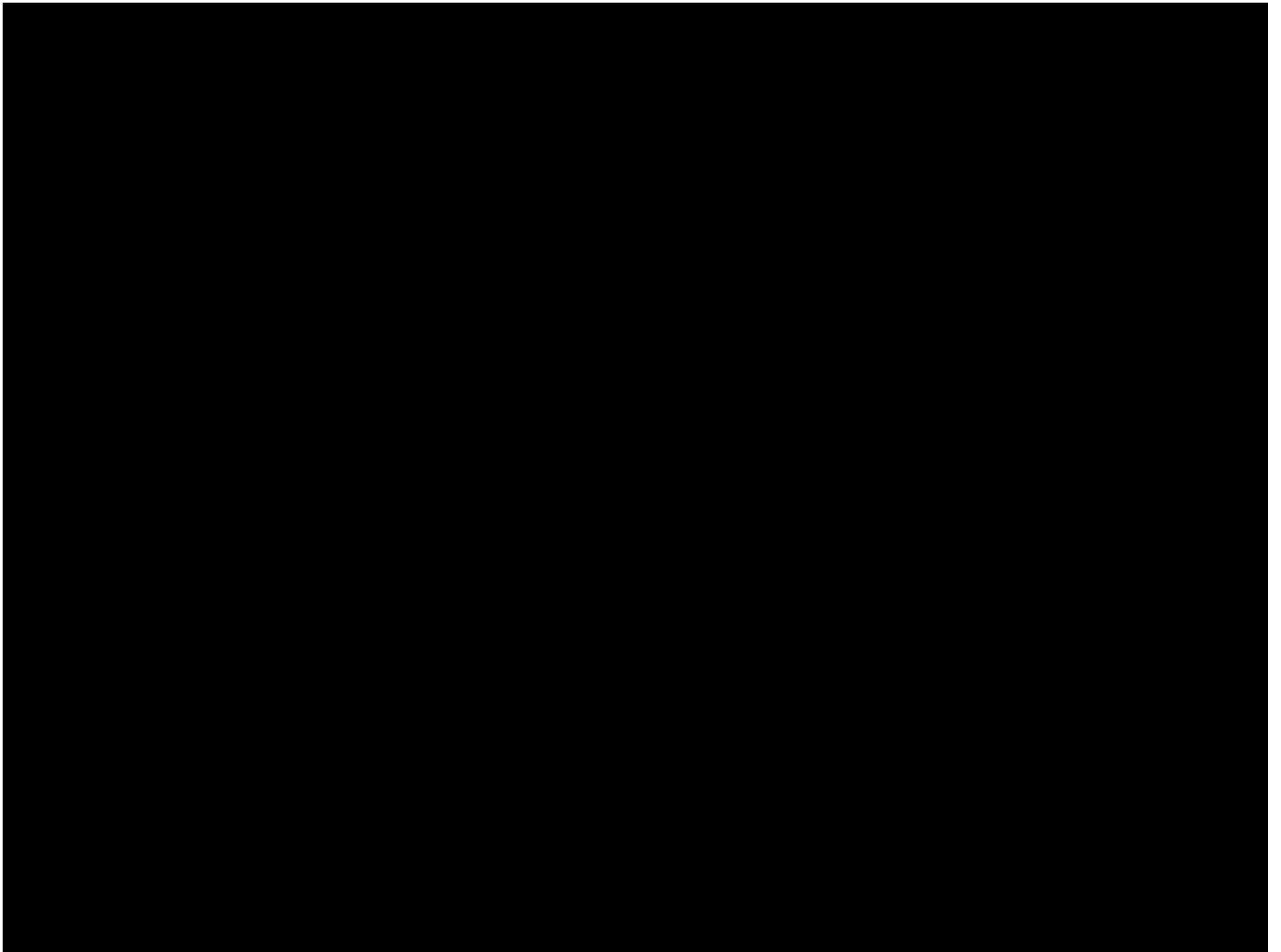
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A wise person has learned to see life from God's perspective and consistently chooses to follow His directing.

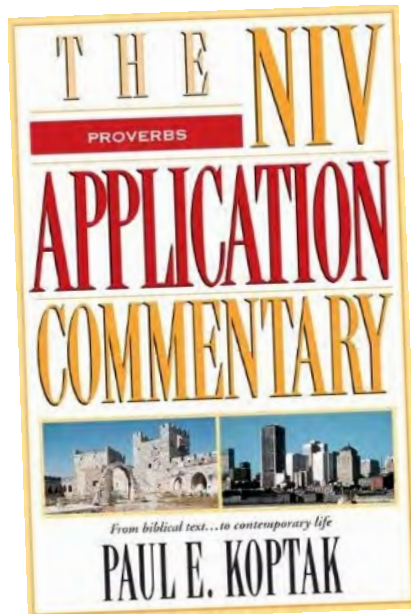
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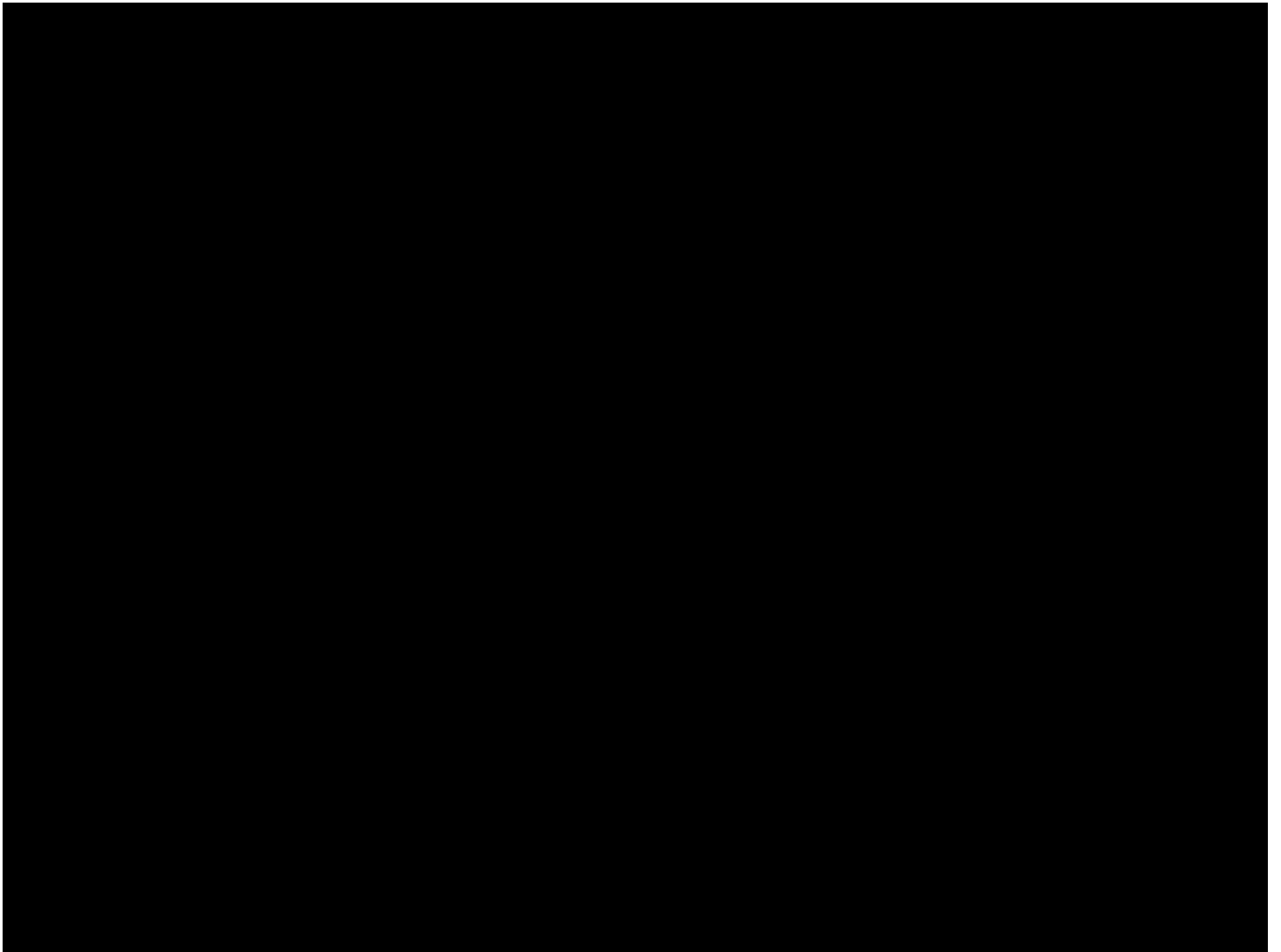
³ For the lips of the adulterous woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; ⁴ but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. ⁵ Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave. ⁶ She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths wander aimlessly, but she does not know it.



The principal contrast here is drawn between the deceptively sweet and smooth lips of the other woman and the lips of the young man that are to preserve knowledge and wisdom. We can infer that the father has preserved wisdom and knowledge with his lips and hopes to continue the preservation on the lips of his son. He is to keep knowledge and not lose it, considering his paths and keeping them straight. If the young man takes her crooked path and misses the path of life, the tradition of knowledge and wisdom will be lost.



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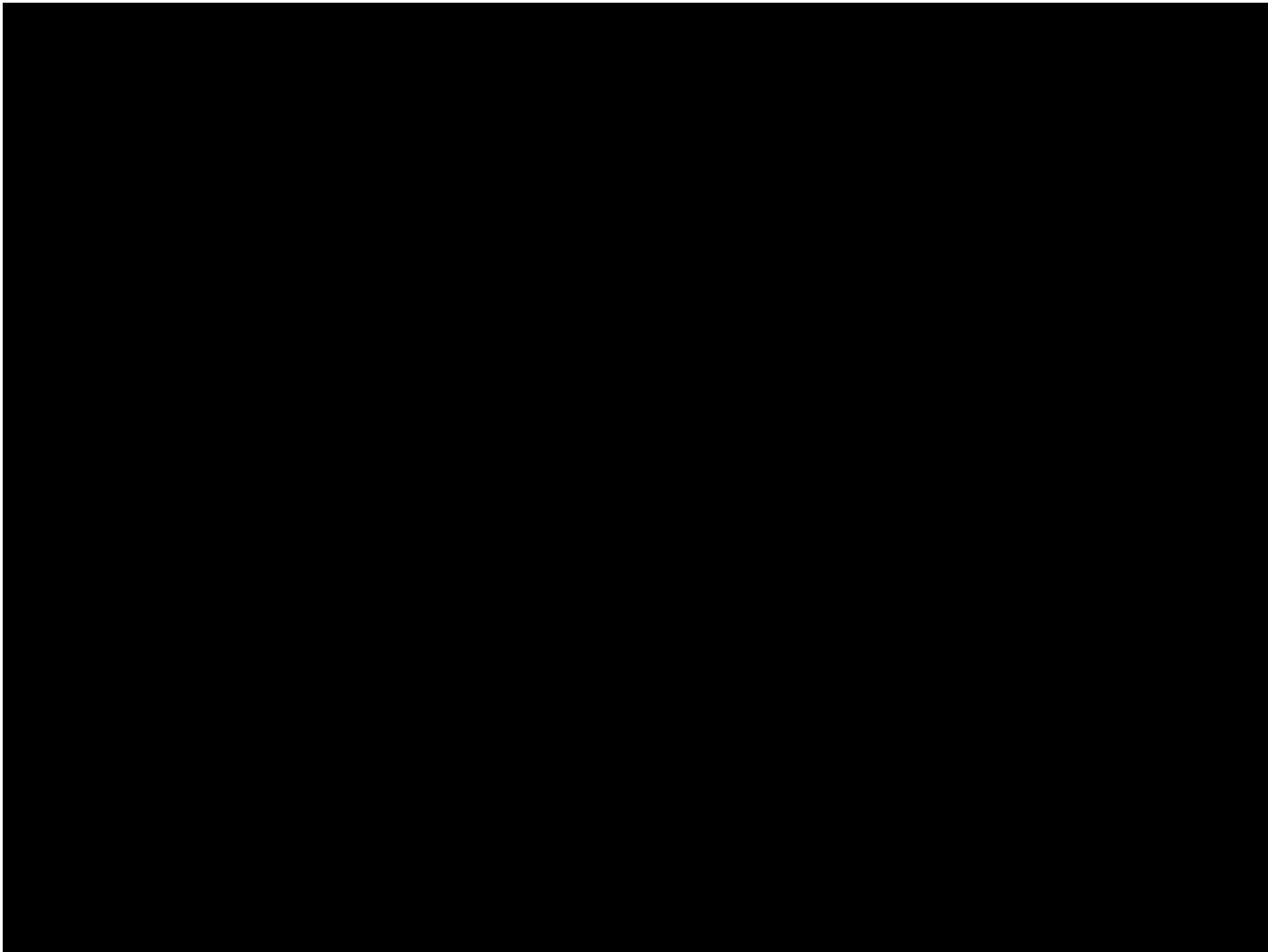


Proverbs 5:7 - 10



⁷ Now then, my sons, listen to me;
do not turn aside from what I say.

⁸ Keep to a path far from her, do not go near
the door of her house . . . word to the wise –
the best way to avoid temptation is to stay clear
of it . . . ⁹ lest you lose your honor to others
and your dignity to one who is cruel, ¹⁰ lest
strangers feast on your wealth and your toil
enrich the house of another.



Proverbs 3:13 - 18

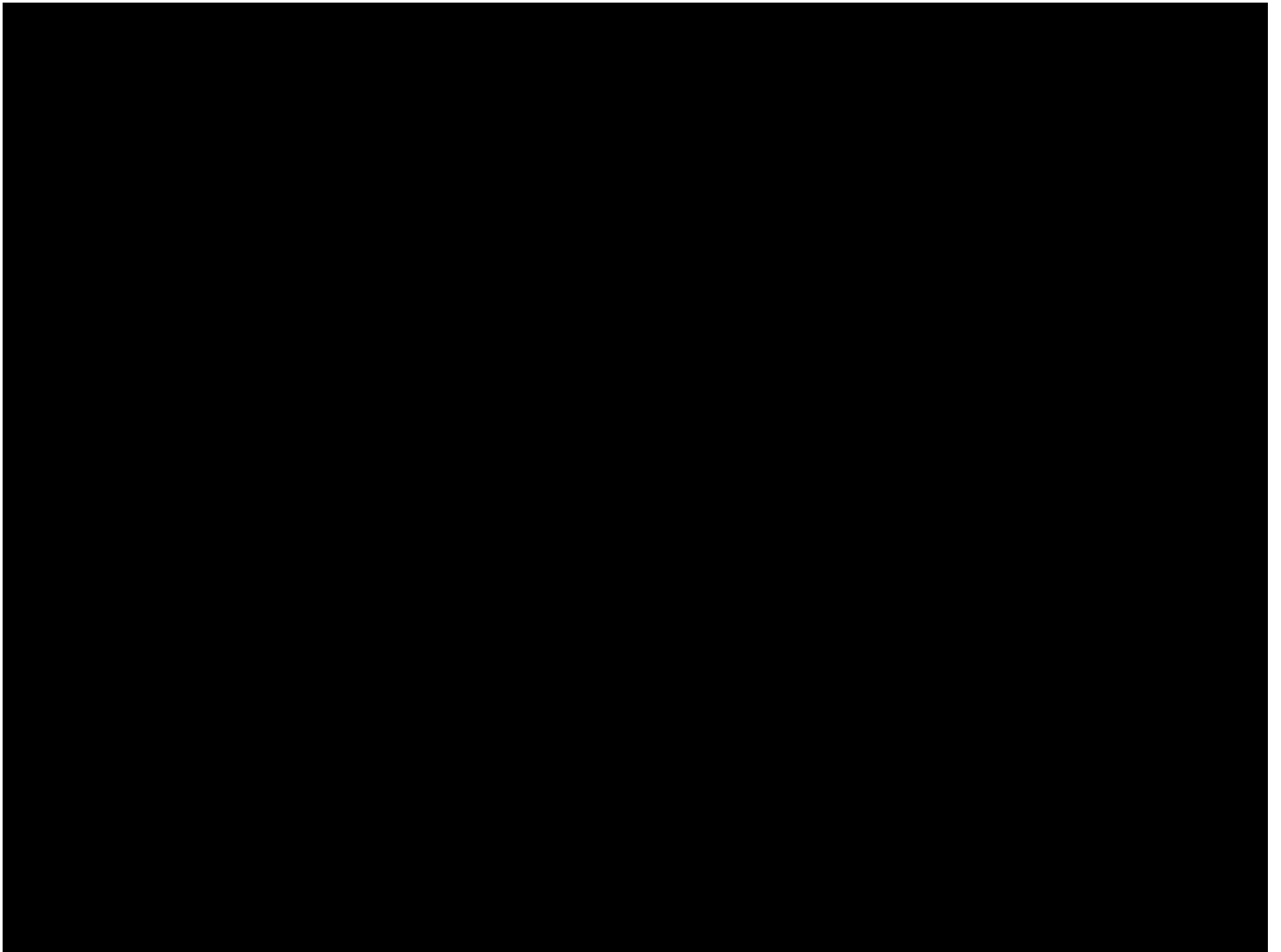
¹³ Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, ¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. ¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. ¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. ¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. ¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed. (NIV)



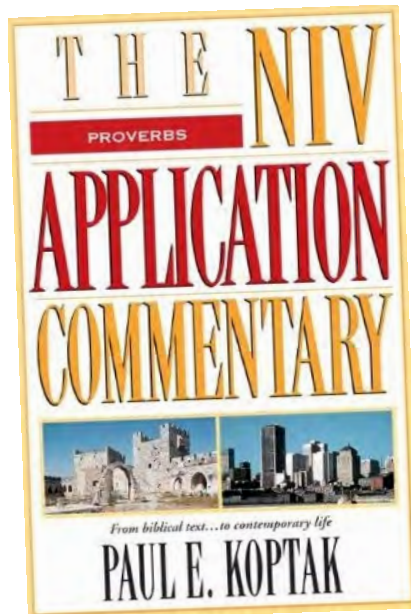
Proverbs 5:12 - 14



¹¹ . . . at the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are consumed, ¹² you will say, “How I hated discipline! If only I had not ignored all the warnings! ¹³ Oh, why didn’t I listen to my teachers? Why didn’t I pay attention to my instructors? ¹⁴ I have come to the brink of utter ruin, and now I must face public disgrace.” (NLT)



Just as the speech of the adulteress tasted like honey and oil that turned to bitter gall, so here drinking water becomes a metaphor for faithful sexual expression with one's spouse.

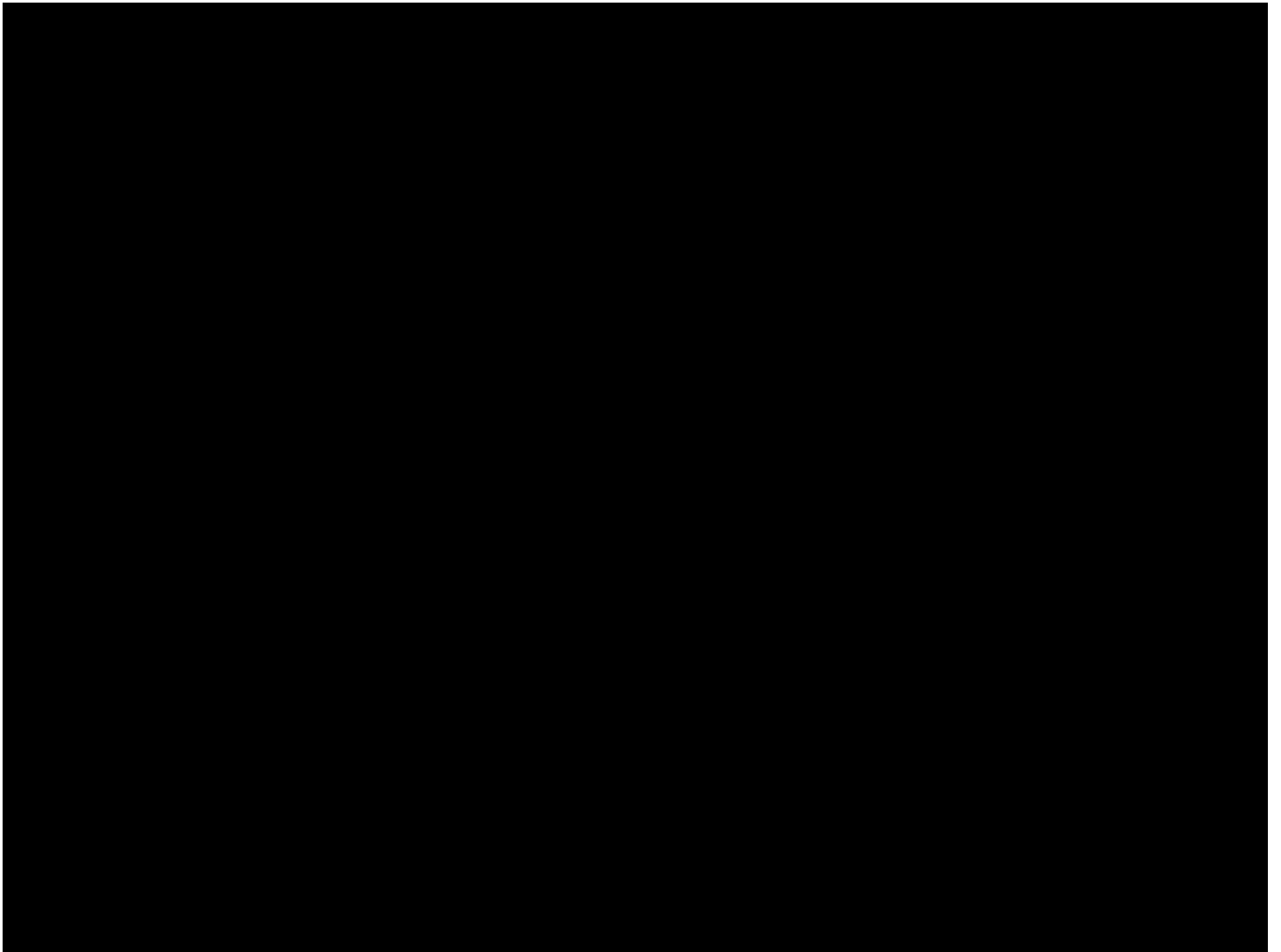


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Proverbs 5:15 - 19



¹⁵ Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well. ¹⁶ Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares? ¹⁷ Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers. ¹⁸ May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. ¹⁹ A loving doe, a graceful deer—may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be intoxicated with her love. (NIV)



Sex is not a commodity

It is designed by God to bind a husband and wife together

Matthew 19:4 – 6

⁴ . . . at the beginning the Creator “made them male and female,” ⁵ and said, “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate. (NIV)

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suitable = according to
the opposite of him

Genesis 2:18

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” (NIV)

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It is designed by God to bring new life into the world

Genesis 1:28

Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. (NIV)

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Song of Solomon 4:10 - 16

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Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. (NIV)

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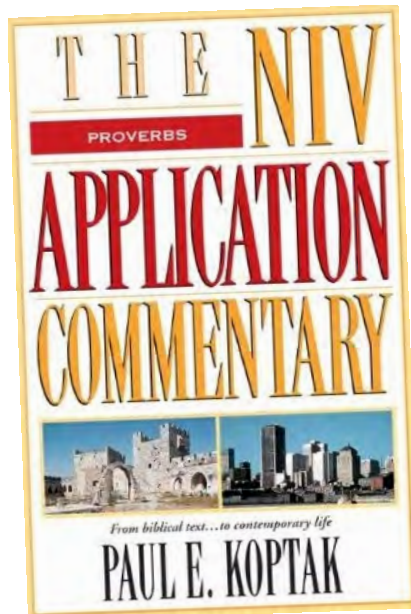
WHY?



Proverbs 5:22

An evil man is held captive by his own sins; they are ropes that catch and hold him. (NLT)

If one can stagger, be intoxicated, swoon, be captivated with passion, become “lost in love,” one can also be “lost” by one’s own folly, “led astray” with judgment, dulled in a kind of drunkenness, “lost” in the sense of reaping a disastrous result.



Allen Ross prefers the word captivated: “If the young man is not captivated by his wife but becomes captivated with a stranger in sinful acts, then his own iniquities will captivate him; and he will be led to ruin.”

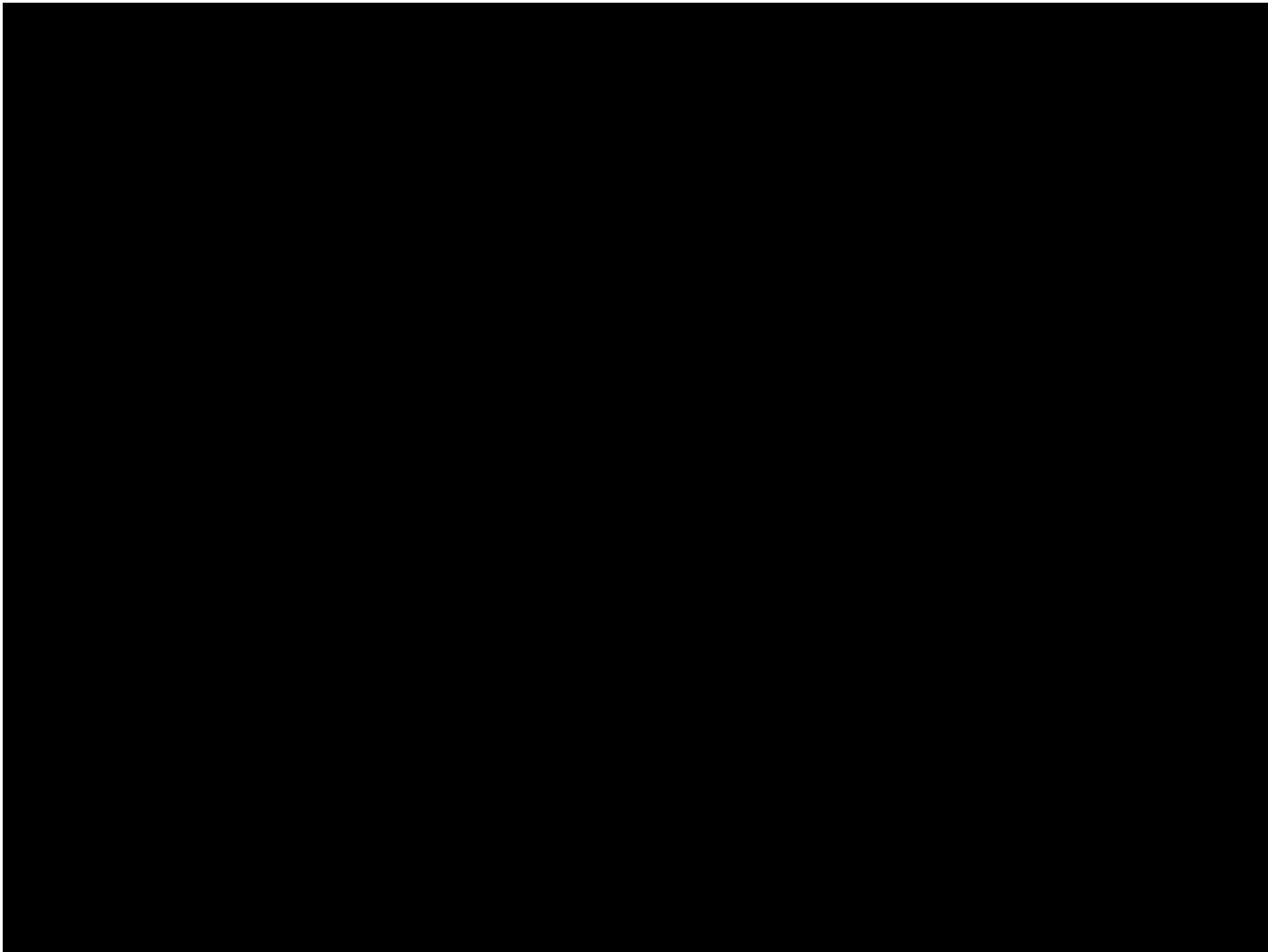
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Three Lies

LIE # 1. A marriage is only as good as its sexual relationship

LIE # 2. Self-fulfillment, including sexual fulfillment, is the main goal of human life, everything else is secondary to our happiness

LIE # 3. Sex can be enjoyed outside of marriage without negative consequences



Proverbs 5:21

For your ways are in full
view of the LORD, and he
examines all your paths



Galatians 6:7 & 8

⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for
whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸

Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh
will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the
Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. (ESV)

Three Lessons

1. Sexual pleasure is a gift from God

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That it should be blessed indicates that sexual delight is God-given; having it blessed would mean that it would be endowed with fruitfulness, that it would fulfill all that God intended it to do. The imagery for intimate love in marriage is employed to stress the beauty of sexual fulfillment as it was intended.



NET Bible notes on Proverbs 5:15 – 19

Three Lessons

1. Sexual pleasure is a gift from God
2. Marriage is a picture of God's exclusive love for us

Deuteronomy 7:7 – 8

⁷ The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.

⁸ But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors . . . (NIV)

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Deuteronomy 6:4 & 5

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. (NIV)

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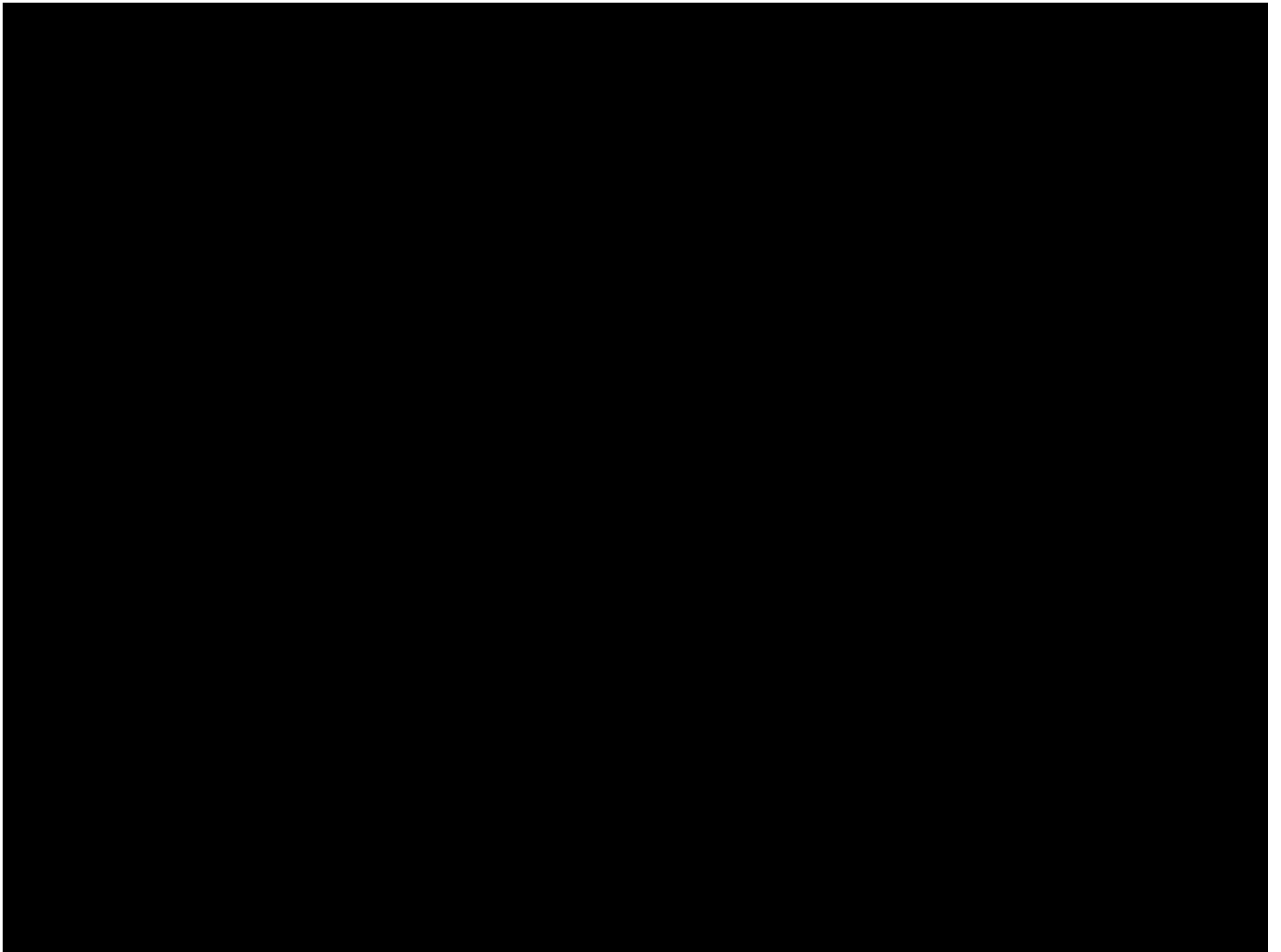
Jeremiah 3:19 – 20

¹⁹ I myself said, “How gladly would I treat you like my children and give you a pleasant land, the most beautiful inheritance of any nation.” I thought you would call me “Father” and not turn away from following me. ²⁰ But like a woman unfaithful to her husband, so you, Israel, have been unfaithful to me,” declares the LORD. (NIV)

Three Lessons

1. Sexual pleasure is a gift from God
2. Marriage is a picture of God's exclusive love for us
3. Living wisely is a choice . . . using your sexuality as God intended is a choice

hear listen don't go near ponder your way



1 Corinthians 6:9 – 11

⁹ Don't fool yourselves.

Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people — none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. ¹¹ Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (NLT)





1 John 1:8 & 9

⁸ If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.

⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. (NLT)

Proverbs 2:1 - 11

¹ My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, ² turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding — ³ indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, ⁴ and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁷ He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, ⁸ for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

⁹ Then you will understand what is right and just and fair — every good path. ¹⁰ For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. ¹¹ Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. (NLT)



